

## **A Message from the Millbury Board of Health:**

Mosquito season is upon us, please continue to take proper precautions to protect yourself and your family against mosquito bites. Please visit the Board of Health web page [http://www.millbury-ma.org/public\\_documents/millburyMA\\_BCcomm/health](http://www.millbury-ma.org/public_documents/millburyMA_BCcomm/health) for additional informational guides. Also, visit [www.cmmcp.org](http://www.cmmcp.org) for more information.

The Town of Millbury participates in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project. Please note that spray dates are subject to change due to weather conditions, mosquito populations, mosquito virus activity and/or special event spraying. A detailed notice about the spray schedule is posted on the CMMCP phone system after 3:30 PM each day, and it is also listed on CMMCP website <http://www.cmmcp.org/pesticide.htm>.

Requests for spraying may be recorded by calling the CMMCP office at (508)393-3055 between 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Monday through Friday, or logging in to <http://www.cmmcp.org>. Results of these requests may initiate an application of mosquito insecticides to defined, site-specific areas of town. Such an application may be accomplished by using hand or truck mounted equipment depending on the extent of the application.

Per 333CMR13.03(1)(a): “Wide Area Applications of pesticides and mosquito control applications of pesticides approved by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board shall not be made to private property which has been designated for exclusion from such application by a person living on or legally in control of said property.” For more information please check: <http://www.cmmcp.org/exclusion.htm>.

## **Should I take steps to reduce exposure to pesticides during mosquito control spraying?**

Generally, there is no need to relocate during mosquito control spraying. The pesticides have been evaluated for this use and found to pose minimal risks to human health and the environment when used according to label directions. For example, EPA has estimated the exposure and risks to both adults and children posed by ULV aerial and ground applications of the insecticides malathion and naled. For all the exposure scenarios considered, exposures ranged from 100 to 10,000 times below an amount of pesticide that might pose a health concern. These estimates assumed several spraying events over a period of weeks, and also assumed that a toddler would ingest some soil and grass in addition to dermal exposure. Other mosquito control pesticides pose similarly low risks. (For more details on health and environmental risk considerations, see the separate EPA fact sheets on the specific mosquito control pesticides).

*Although mosquito control pesticides pose low risks, some people may prefer to avoid or further minimize exposure. Some common sense steps to help reduce possible exposure to pesticides include:*

- \* Listen and watch for announcements about spraying in the local media and remain indoors during the application to the immediate area.
- \* People who suffer from chemical sensitivities or feel spraying may aggravate a preexisting health condition, may consult their physician or local health department and take special measures to avoid exposure.
- \* Close windows and turn off window-unit air conditioners when spraying is taking place in the immediate area.
- \* Do not let children play near or behind truck-mounted applicators when they are in use.